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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER COMMENTS ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS  
AND DOMESTIC SITUATION

1. DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH A FRENCH RADIO CORRESPONDENT  
IN MONOCO OVER THE WEEK-END, DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF  
(WHO WAS THERE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF ONE OF HIS PLAYS  
AT AN AMATEUR ACTING FESTIVAL) WAS REPORTED AS HAVING  
EXPRESSED REGRET AT THE TENSE STATE OF GREEK-SUTKISH  
RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AT AN IMPASSE FOR SOME TIME.  
CITING THE RESTORATION OF GOOD RELATIONS WHICH FOLLOWED  
THE LONDON AND ZURICH AGREEMENTS ON CYPRUS WITH WHICH HE  
HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED, AVEROFF STRESSED HE CONTINUED TO  
BELIEVE IN GREEK-TURKISH COOPERATION. HE WAS ALSO  
REPORTED AS SAYING THAT ALL GREEK PROPOSALS FOR REASONABLE  
AND DIGNIFIED SOLUTIONS HAD MET WITH NO RESPONSE AND,  
THEREFORE, UNFORTUNATELY, HE COULD NOT FORECAST WHEN THE  
IMPASSE WOULD BE ENDED.

2. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE DOMESTIC  
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SITUATION IN GREECE, AVEROFF SAID THAT IT WAS VERY GOOD  
IN EVERY RESPECT, ALTHOUGH SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS  
EXISTED. AS TO WHETHER JUNTA REMNATS STILL  
EXISTED, AVEROFF REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT A POLICE STATE  
WHICH HAD LASTED FOR SEVEN YEARS MUST HAVE LEFT SOME,  
BUT THEY WERE INSIGNIFICANT AND COULD NOT INFLUENCE  
EVENTS.

3. AVEROFF'S STATEMENTS WERE REPORTED ON NATIONAL RADIO  
AND TELEVISION AUGUST 28 AND 29. THE ATHENS PRESS  
AUGUST 29 GAVE THEM FACTUAL, LOW-KEY TREATMENT WITH NO  
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